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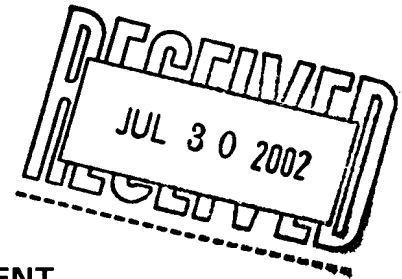
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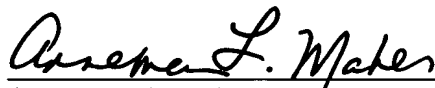
Sir:

Applicant submits herewith references of which he is aware, which he believes may be material to the examination of this application and in respect of which he may have a duty to disclose in accordance with 37 CFR §1.56.

While this Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) may be "material" pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56(b), it is not intended to constitute an admission that any document referred to herein is "prior art" for this invention unless specifically designated as such.

In accordance with 37 CFR §1.97(g), the filing of this IDS shall not be construed to mean that no other material information as defined under 37 CFR §1.56(a) exists.

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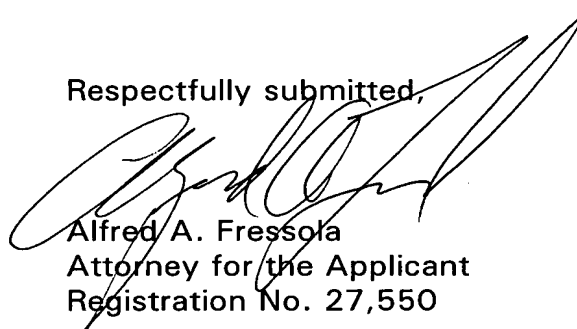
This IDS is being submitted in response to a United Kingdom Patent Office Search Report dated November 17, 2000, which was issued in connection with a corresponding counterpart foreign patent application. A copy of the Search Report is enclosed.

Enclosed is a Form PTO-1449 listing the cited references. A copy of each cited reference is also enclosed herewith. The abstract of each reference provides a concise explanation thereof, and the relevance of each reference is specifically explained in the Search Report.

Since this IDS is being submitted prior to receipt of a first Official Action in this matter, the undersigned respectfully submits that no fee is due. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to deposit account 23-0442 any fee deficiency required to submit this IDS.

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